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**North Dakota**  
*Office of the Governor*

**John Hoeven**  
*Governor*

PROCLAMATION  
**CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH**  
APRIL 2009

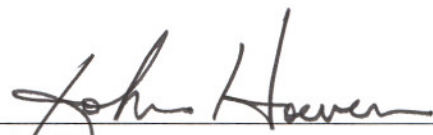
**WHEREAS**, child abuse and neglect are serious problems, and finding a solution depends upon the involvement of people within our communities; and

**WHEREAS**, there are approximately 7,650 reports of child abuse and neglect in North Dakota each year; and


**WHEREAS**, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created between the state, county social service agencies, public and private schools, the medical communities, religious and civic organizations, the legislative bodies of the state, law enforcement and the business community; and

**WHEREAS**, all citizens share the responsibility of raising the awareness of and preventing child abuse, and supporting families in their efforts to provide a safe and nurturing environment for all of North Dakota's children.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim April 2009, **CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH** in the state of North Dakota.

  
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John Hoeven  
Governor

ATTEST:

  
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Alvin A. Jaeger  
Secretary of State